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GENEVA FOR US SALT TWO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, MPOL, SALT, PINT, UR  
SUBJECT: TASS REPORTS DISPUTE IN US ADMINISTRATION OVER ALCM  
RANGE LIMITS

1. SUMMARY: THE 12 SEP PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS RELEASE  
FROM WASHINGTON QUOTING THE NY TIMES WHICH BLAMES DELAYS IN  
SALT II ON ALLEGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATE AND DOD REGARDING  
AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) RANGE LIMITS. DOD  
IS SAID TO DIFFER WITH STATE OVER DOD'S DESIRE TO EXTEND  
THE RANGE LIMIT FOR ALCM'S BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN  
PROPOSED TO THE SOVIETS. THUS THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO BLAME  
THE PENTAGON FOR DIFFICULTIES IN SALT AND INDICATE THEIR  
AWARENESS OF A POSSIBLE SHIFT IN THE US POSITION ON ALCM  
RANGE. END SUMMARY.

1. A SHORT TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK DTD 11 SEP ON DIFFERENCES  
WITHIN THE US ADMINISTRATION OVER SALT II APPEARS IN THE  
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12 SEPT PRAVDA. IT STATES THAT THE NY TIMES HAS REPORTED  
DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS  
ON THE RANGE OF ALCM'S AS A REASON BEHIND THE  
"DRAGGING OUT" (ZATYAGIYANI) OF THE SALT II NEGOTIATIONS.  
TASS QUOTES THE NY TIMES AS REPORTING THAT THE  
PENTAGON SEEKS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE MAXIMUM RANGE FOR  
THE ALCM WHILE STATE DOES NOT WANT TO ALTER THE LIMIT WHICH

HAS ALREADY BEEN PROPOSED TO THE SOVIETS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST RECENT COMMENT IN THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS REGARDING ALLEGED DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE US ADMINISTRATION OVER SALT POLICY. IT CONFORMS WITH THE TRADITIONAL SOVIET PRACTICE OF ACCUSING THE PENTAGON OF COMPLICATING THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. IN DEPICTING THE US AS CONTEMPLATING REVISION OF A POSITION ALREADY PRESENTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT REVEALS A PROMINENT SOVIET SENSITIVITY.

3. THIS IS IR 6 901 0907 77, 1. USSR (UR); 2. 6 901 0907 77; 3. TASS REPORTS DISPUTE WITHIN US ADMINISTRATION OVER ALCM RANGE LIMIT (U). 4. OMITTED. 5. 770912; 6. 770912; 7. 770912; 8. CIR: 1ALD(2)9000/CONTS; 9. C-3; 10. USDAO MOSCOW USSR (AIRA) 11. NO; 12. EDWARD L. WARNER III, MAJ, USAF, AAIRA; 13. RICHARD X. LARKIN, BG, USA, DATT; 14. PRAVDA, USSR 15. DIRC-NO. GDS83  
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